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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Mauer Oehling, Eisenstadt and Urfahr 25X1

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 7 April 1955, about 40 motor vehicles, 6 van-like motor vehicles, 5 field kitchens and a power set were observed under the shedroofs in the area of the former Landesheilanstalt (district mental hospital) in Mauer Oehling (G 49/W 26). The hospital was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia. Repair work was done on SU-76 SP gun which was parked in the open. Trucks and all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, carried solid fuel to the billets where jeep and driving-school truck with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and driving-school trucks and truck all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed. A lieutenant colonel and three majors all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and two majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets were observed at the hospital. Forty-five soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets who were led by two majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed at marksmanship training with rifles and six light machine guns at the training ground northeast of the installation. They subsequently returned to the billets. 25X1
2. On 4 April 1955, two lieutenant colonels and 6 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and a lieutenant colonel and two majors, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the former Jaeger Kaserne in Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55). The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included truck ambulance and jeep, all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and trucks and with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Five trucks and two van-like motor vehicles were observed in the area of the installation. Driving-school trucks observed in the morning at driver training in the area of the city and parked at noon in front of the former building of the Landesregierung (district government) included trucks and all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and trucks and all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The building was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Eight soldiers who wore black-bordered red, red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets were observed at the Kattner settlement which was guarded by a sentry who wore blue-bordered black epaulets. No motor vehicles were parked in the area of the settlement. Soviet civilians, women and children were observed in the area of the settlement for the first time. 25X1
3. On 28 March 1955, a lieutenant colonel and two majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets and a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the Auhauf 25X1

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Kaserne northeast of Urfahr (N 49/V 88). The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Twenty-three motor vehicles were parked under shedroofs and three trucks, two jeeps and a van-like motor vehicle were parked in front of the shedroofs. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included truck [] and jeeps [] and [] all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and trucks [] and [] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Eighty soldiers wearing black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets who carried field packs and were led by five officers were observed practicing penetration of a position in two parties on the training ground west of the installation. They returned to their billets at about noon.²

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1. [] Comment. The present report confirms the 290th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Mtz Rifle Div in Mauer Oehling.

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2. [] Comment. The occupation of the former Jaeger Kaserne in Eisenstadt and the Auhof Kaserne near Urfahr is unchanged.

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